

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 12 DECEMBER 1955

25X1A9a PRESENT: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] commented that the AD/RR wants the lists of photo-targets for the Sino-Soviet Bloc kept up to date. St/I/RR will send a copy of the final listing of targets to D/GG, and these can be distributed to the three branches that are involved.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] reported that a Soviet color film on agriculture is being shown at 3:00 p.m. today. Additional details can be obtained from St/I/RR.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] announced that the Acting EX/RR, [REDACTED] is going to assume responsibility as Chief of Staff to the Staffs of the Office. This will primarily involve [REDACTED] representing the AD's point of view on problems between the Office Staffs and the Area Staffs. This also should make available to the AD a clear statement of facts and alternatives involved in such staff problems.

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25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] asked about the status of the notice to Department of State personnel that describes the Map Library services available to them. [REDACTED] reported that the draft notice had been sent to the Management Staff and to Security for their approval before issuance.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] announced that a revised draft of the paper on Career Development in the Geographic Area will be discussed at the next staff meeting.

25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] entered on duty today and will soon report to D/GG.

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25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] announced that [REDACTED] is resigning as of 16 December 1955 to return to her home town, Cumberland, Maryland. She will be replaced by [REDACTED].

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Vital Storage problems are being coordinated by [REDACTED] added that a memorandum will have to be written to [REDACTED] regarding the movement of NIS map-reproduction materials out of the vault.

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[REDACTED] intends to discuss procurement problems in Latin America with Colonel Robertson, the Commanding Officer of the Inter-American Geodetic Survey. Colonel Robertson would like to have the State Department concentrate on countries where the IAGS does not operate; however, [REDACTED] indicated that the Department of State will not be relinquishing procurement activities to IAGS.

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25X1A9a 10. [REDACTED] reported that he has been requested by ARA, State, to handle the Commissions on Geography and Cartography of PAIGH. This is subject to concurrence by Mr. Buford, Director of OLI, State.

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25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] is starting a new type of activity in the Procurement Branch. He will follow-up leads obtained from the study of Transactions or Proceedings of International Conferences, or other similar works. For example, he is starting with four volumes of the Transactions of the International Soils Conference at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. These will be checked in the Library and with procurement desk officers, coordinated among the mapping agencies, and then the final procurement correspondence will be prepared.

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] reported that the new Commanding Officer of the Navy Photo Shop has called a meeting to discuss Chinese Nationalist photography.

25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] commented that the Saltzman Projector needs the standard table top, rather than the tilt-table now in use. The tilt-table is better for D/GP work but the standard table is better for D/GC.

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25X1A9a 15. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] is resigning as of the end of January. Her successor has not yet been definitely selected.

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16. [REDACTED] commented that a draft regulation on D/GC mission and functions is being prepared. The format will be approximately the same as that used in the regulations for D/GP and D/GL.

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17. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to ascertain the status of [REDACTED] project for [REDACTED] who is to EOD on provisional clearance.

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18. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] briefed NSA last week on Geography Division activities and requirements.

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19. Christmas party plans were discussed. Each division will have its own party. D/GG has already decided to have its party on December 20th.

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*20. [REDACTED] commented that he now gets periodically a tab run of data on Geographic Area personnel, including name, grade, EOD, date of last promotion, etc. [REDACTED] said that he will review this list and send to each Division Chief a list of persons who are in the zone of consideration for promotion. This is to insure compliance with the CIA regulation requiring periodic consideration for promotion.

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*21. The need for beachhead space was discussed. [REDACTED] will push the procurement of this space.

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*22. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] is transferring to the Rand Corporation and that [REDACTED] will move over to his position. [REDACTED] will probably take over [REDACTED] job.

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